

## Summative Reflection:

Comment on each of the technologies we implemented, making sure to touch upon ease of use, quality of information gathered, and potential for further use:

**PLE:** The PLE, once it was all set up, was really simple to navigate through. I mostly used this for making tile and keeping track of all of my sources, but making tiles was really simple. I liked how you could make the tiles different colors so I could keep track of news sources and necessary websites like noodletools and word press.

**RSS Feed:** I had a lot of trouble setting up my RSS Feed until I was showed how for the fifth time. After I had it all set up it was really simple to use. I didn't really get a lot of information out of any of the RSS Feeds I found because most were short little posts, but the information I did get was good. If I had to eliminate any of my sources I probably would have eliminated this one because I needed much more in depth information than, "I used music therapy and it helped my knee pain."

**Scoop It:** Scoop.It gave me a variety of good information including videos and articles, but I had a really hard time figuring it out. I didn't know how to find other scoop.its or how to really search my topic so I just hit buttons until something worked and then I found some really good information. Instructions on Scoop.It would be really helpful.

**Videos/Interviews/Documentaries:** I am lucky enough to be a subscriber to Alternative Press magazine and while reading the June Issue I found an interview called "Sing Your Life" where AP interviewed the lead singers of bands about the power of music so that was really easy to use and find. I found a lot of documentaries on youtube and through scoop.it so all of these were super easy for me to find.

**Audios:** I didn't find any audios about music therapy anywhere, but I found some powerful songs that helped me and so I used them in my presentation to show how powerful music can be. I'm sure it is different for each topic though because you could probably find recordings of interviews with serial killers or horse races and things like that.

**Wikispace:** Again, the wikispace made no sense to me until I had it explained multiple times, but once I had it explained I understood it completely and it became really easy to use. I can link things, type things and embed things in there really easily.

**Wordpress:** Word press was really easy to use especially seeing as I've never blogged before. It was nice to have a way to slowly let out any frustration while doing this project. Sometimes I would just do my post in the middle of doing something else if I got frustrated and I would vent about how much I hated it. After posting I'd get right back to work and feel a lot better.

**Voice Thread:** Voice Thread was not very compatible with my computer, but it finally decided to stop annoying me and get down to work. I'm really happy with my final product and yet again, once I figured it out with the help of "yahoo questions" I put everything together.

**To what extent did this type of learning (completely student-centered with teacher as facilitator rather than focus; self-guided; choice-based) result in a meaningful learning experience for you? Please explain.**

This type of learning was different from anything I've ever had to do before, and even though it frustrated me to no end I think it was a good experience. I know that once I go to college I won't have as much guidance in my learning so figuring out how to do things for myself was something that I really needed to learn how to do. I think that the blogging helped me keep myself on track and the symboloo helped me keep my unorganized self, organized. I won't lie and say that I enjoyed this project, but it was definitely something that was difficult for me and I figured out ways for myself to cope.

**Remember that we fully understand the limitations and stress that came as a result of trying to do this project in so little time at the end of the year. We appreciate your willingness and your enthusiasm, and we even appreciate your candor in evaluating the process. That being said, what suggestions can you make that will help refine this assignment for future students. What did you like best? What did you not like? (We know more time, and not at the end of the year; you don't need to tell us that!)**

One big suggestion I would like to make is that you make sheets with instructions on how to sign up for everything so that the students could sign up at home and not have to battle with the sluggish school computers to sign up for all of those websites. It would save a lot of time and frustration.

I loved noodletools because I honestly have no clue how to do citations because we never have to do them anymore so noodletools was a big help and it kept my very organized along with symboloo. The symboloo helped me a lot because I feel like if I didn't have it I would have had all of my sources scribbled down on the back of my notebook and I probably wouldn't be able to find them again. The symboloo took me straight to where I needed to go each and every time.

One thing that was really difficult was the online database sources, firstly because I had no idea what they were and secondly because, once I found out what they were, I combed through them and I could only find one helpful article. It was stressful to search and search for something that was required like that when there was not really anything on my topic in the databases.